

MORTAL KOMBAT®



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HE RUSHED STRAIGHT FOR US.
ALL FOUR ARMS AND 580
POUNDS OF SOLID MUSCLE.

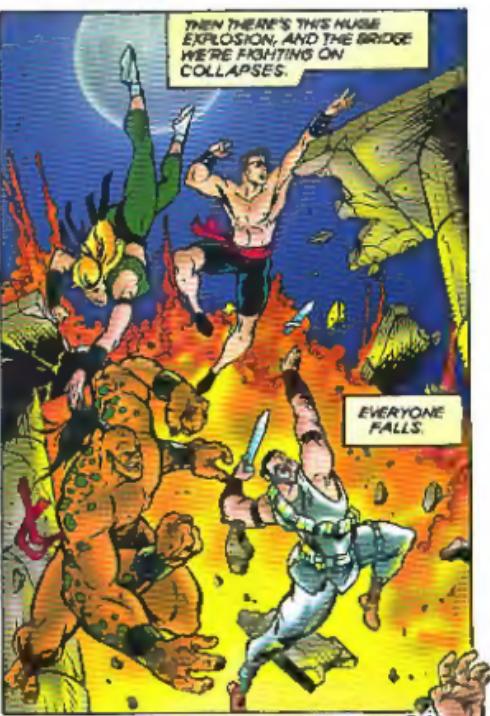
BUT WE
WERE
READY.

GORO LOST FAIR AND
SQUARE TO LIU KANG
IN SHANG TSUNG'S
TOURNAMENT. THAT'S
WHEN ALL HELL BROKE
LOOSE. TSUNG WAS
OUTRAGED; HE WANTED
ALL OUR SOULS. HE
SICKED GORO AND A
FEW HUNDRED OF HIS
BEST WARRIOR ON US.

ME, KANO AND SONYA WERE
TO HOLD BACK GORO. RAIDEN,
AND THE NINJAS SUB-ZERO AND
SCORPIO, HELD BACK
TSUNG'S ARMY.



LIU KANG WAS HOPEFULLY
KICKIN' THE OLD MAN'S BUTT.



...UNTIL RAIDEN
HAPPENED
BY.

HE'
CAN
FLY.

HOLD TIGHT,
JOHNNY CAGE. THIS
ISLAND REALM IS
SELF-DESTRUCTING
AS A RESULT OF
SHANG TSUNG'S
DEATH.

SO
LIU
KANG
WON?

YES, HE DID.
BUT THIS ISLAND
WAS HELD TOGETHER
BY TSUNG'S
EXISTENCE. WE MUST
MAKE A QUICK EXIT
THROUGH A PORTAL
I HAVE CREATED.

WHAT
ABOUT
THE
OTHERS?

HE'S A GOD,
YOU KNOW.

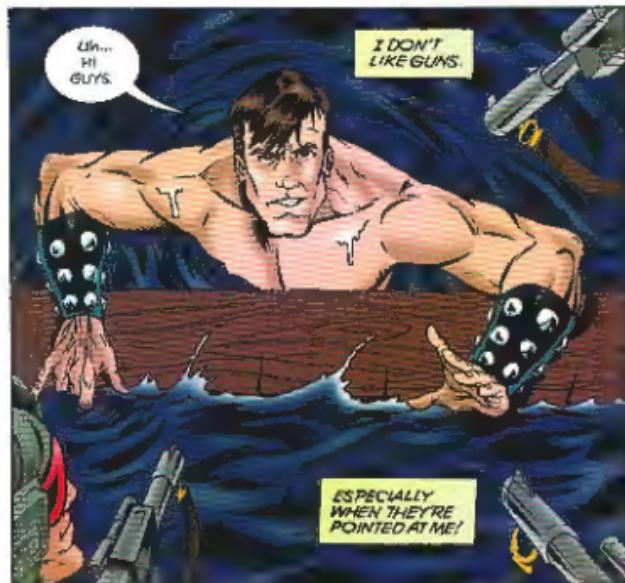
LIU KANG HAS
ALREADY ESCAPED.
SUB-ZERO WAS KILLED
BY SCORPION AFTER OUR
BATTLE WITH TSUNG'S
ARMY. THEN SCORPION
BURST INTO FLAMES AND
BURNED TO ASHES BE-
FORE MY EYES.

WOW,
WHAT A
DRAMATIC
EXIT!

PREPARE
YOURSELF CAGE.
OUR EXIT THROUGH
THE PORTAL WILL BE
FOLLOWED BY A
VIOLENT
EXPLOSION.

DO WE
NEED SUCH
A DRAMATIC
EXIT?

FFOOOOOSH!



THURSDAY MORNING,
8 AM. EST
SPECIAL FORCES
BASE 05

I DON'T BUY IT, BERAN!
SONYA AND HER TEAM SENT
OUT THAT DISTRESS SIGNAL
AND IT WAS CENTERED RIGHT
WHERE WE PICKED UP
MR. HOLLYWOOD!

JAX, THAT'S THE
FIFTH TIME HE'S TOLD THAT
STORY. EACH TIME IN EXACT
DETAIL, UNCHANGED. HOW ELSE
DO YOU EXPLAIN HIM FLOATING
IN THE EAST CHINA SEA, AND
ALL THE WOOD AND STONE
FRAGMENTS WE PICKED
UP, THEY'RE ANCIENT.

AND I
DON'T THINK
SONYA WOULD
EVER FIGHT
SIDE BY SIDE
WITH KANO!

SHE
DIDN'T
HAVE A
CHOICE!

ALL
RIGHT,
CAGE?
WE'RE
GONNA
LET YOU
GO!

BUT WHEN
I GET SOME SOLID
EVIDENCE I'LL COME
AFTER YOU MYSELF.
THEN IT'S GONNA
GET UGLY!

I'LL
LOOK
FORWARD
TO IT,
JAX!

NOW,
IF YOU WOULDN'T
MIND UNTYING ME,
I'VE GOT A MOVIE
TO MAKE!

THE OUTWORLD.

A BATTLE-SCARRED
REALM, RULED FOR
AGES BY A FIERCE
WARLORD KNOWN
AS THE
EMPEROR
SHAO KAHN.

GREAT SHAO KAHN!
I DEMAND SHANG TSUNG'S
EXECUTION! THROUGH HIS
CARELESS ENDEAVORS WE
HAVE LOST THE GREATEST
OF OUR WARRIORS,
MY SON GORO!

THE HUMANS OF EARTH REALM
WERE THOUGHT TO BE WEAK AND
UNFOCUSSED. THIS WAS ALL BASED
ON THE WORDS OF SHANG TSUNG
HIMSELF. YET HE WAS DEFEATED BY
A SHAOLIN MONK! THE SHAOLIN
STUDY PEACE AND PASSIVE WAYS.

IT IS HERE WHERE
THE DEMON SORCERER
SHANG TSUNG BEGAN
HIS MISSION TO UN-
BALANCE THE EARTH
REALMS FURIES--

--THUS ALLOWING
HIS MASTER SHAO
KAHN TO ENTER
THE REALM AND
BRING IT UNDER
HIS RULE.

BUT, TSUNG
HAS FAILED
IN HIS MISSION
AND NOW MUST
ANSWER FOR
HIS CRIME OR
PAY THE PRICE.

LIU KANG
SHOULD NEVER HAVE
DEFEATED SHANG
TSUNG--

--AND WE
SHOULD NEVER HAVE
SENT A
SORCERER TO
DO THE WORK
OF A
WARRIOR!

AS GORBKAH,
KING OF KUATAN,
I ASK THAT SHANG
TSUNG RETURN WITH
ME TO MY GREAT
KINGDOM...

ONLY THIS
WILL ATONE FOR
THE DEATH OF
GORO!

...AND BE
EXECUTED
BEFORE MY
PEOPLE!

I UNDERSTAND
YOUR CONCERN,
GORBAK.

HOWEVER,
WE MUST NOW
LOOK PAST THE
DEATH OF OUR
GREAT
CHAMPION.

WE HAVE OCCUPIED THIS REALM FOR AGES. MY STRENGTH GROWS, YET THIS REALM HAS CEASED TO GROW WITH IT. I NEED ROOM FOR MY POWERS TO EXPAND.

I CANNOT SET FOOT ONTO EARTH'S SOIL UNTIL ITS FURIES ARE UNBALANCED. SHANG TSUNG HAS FAILED TO ACCOMPLISH THIS. I WILL GIVE MY SERVANT ONE LAST MOMENT TO DEVISE A REASON...

...A REASON WHY I SHOULD NOT STRIKE HIM DOWN MYSELF.

ANY REALM CAN EXERCISE ITS RIGHT OF CHALLENGE AS LONG AS IT CAN BREACH THE DIMENSIONAL GATES THAT SEPARATE IT FROM THE OTHER REALM.

MY MASTER--WE CAN INITIATE A NEW CHALLENGE, A NEW TOURNAMENT. THE RULES ARE QUITE CLEAR IN THIS MATTER.

THE TRICK IS OPENING A PORTAL. I COULD ACCOMPLISH THIS TASK AS I DID A THOUSAND YEARS AGO--IF MY STRENGTH WAS RENEWED.

THE RESULTING PORTAL WOULD ALSO BE LARGE ENOUGH FOR A SMALL ARMY OF WARRIORS TO ENTER THE EARTH REALM...

...AND, PERHAPS, ENACT REVENGE AGAINST THOSE RESPONSIBLE FOR GORO'S DEATH.

SHADOW PRIEST, TELL ME...

WHAT LIES IN MY FUTURE IF I ALLOW SHANG TSUNG TO EXECUTE THIS PLAN?

THE DEMON SORCERER'S PLAN IS A TWIST IN THE RULES OF TOURNAMENT BATTLE. THE BREACH THROUGH THE DIMENSIONAL GATE IS A METHOD OF EXERCISING THE RIGHTS OF CHALLENGE--THOUGH IT GOES AGAINST THE WISHES OF THE ELDER GODS.

THIS MAKES IT DIFFICULT TO SEE A CLEAR OUTCOME. IF WE WIN THIS NEW TOURNAMENT, YOUR LIFE WILL BE ETERNAL, YOUR POWER UNMATCHED--YOU WILL BECOME A GOD.

IF YOU LOSE--YOU WILL SUFFER ETERNAL DAMNATION.

IF SHANG TSUNG
MUST LIVE, THEN SO
BE IT! BUT I INSIST,
IF THIS EXCURSION
BACK INTO THE
REALM IS TO SUC-
CEED, WE MUST
SEND A WARRIOR
FROM KUATAN.

I OFFER
KINTARO.

GREAT
SHAO KAHN,
I STAND
AT YOUR
COMMAND.

YOUR
PRESENCE
IS WELCOMED,
KINTARO.

SHANG TSUNG,
YOUR LIFE NO LONGER
EXISTS IN THE EARTH
REALM. THEREFORE, I
WILL GRANT YOU A
TINY PHYSICAL
FORM.

ONE
THAT WILL RE-
PLENISH YOUR POWERS
OF SORCERY AND FOOL
THE EARTH GODS INTO
ALLOWING YOUR SOUL
THROUGH THE
DIMENSIONAL GATE.

IF YOU FAIL IN THIS MISSION,
ALL THE OUTWORLD WILL BE WIPE
FROM REALITY... AND YOU WILL
SUFFER A FATE OF ETERNAL
TORTURE.

SHANG TSUNG FEELS
PAIN HE HAS NEVER
FELT BEFORE.

HIS FLESH,
HIS SOUL...
TORN FROM
ITS VERY
EXISTENCE.

HE WILL BE
RECONSTRUCTED,
HIS YOUTH
RESTORED, HIS
STRENGTH MULTI-
PLIED, HIS UNHOLY
POWER REPLENISHED.

SHANG TSUNG,
BEFORE ANY
CHALLENGE IS
MADE, I WANT
THE PRESENCE
OF THE OUT-
WORLD FELT.

YOU ARE TO CRUSH THE WARRIORS
RESPONSIBLE FOR GORO'S DEATH.

LET THE POWER OF THE
OUTWORLD SPEAK TO THE SHAOLIN
TEMPLE THROUGH DEATH AND
DESTRUCTION.

WE MUST NOT FALTER
IN OUR SCHEME... VICTORY
WILL UNBALANCE THE EARTH'S
FLUXES. MY DARK POWERS
WILL EXPAND THROUGHOUT
ITS UNIVERSE, AND THE
ELDER GODS' WISHES
WILL BE NOTHING MORE
THAN A HUSSLE.

"KITARO--"

"KITANA--"

"MILEENA--"

"BARAKA--"

"SHANG
TSUNG--"

"BY THE UNHOLY
DARKNESS THAT
CONSUMES ME...
I WILL HAVE
THE EARTH
REALM!"



THE HONAN
PROVINCE
CHINA

HIDDEN DEEP IN THE MOUNTAINS OF THIS
RAGGED COUNTRY SIDE IS LIOU KAOHSU'S
SHAO LIN TEAHOUSE. NOW HE IS PURSUING
VICTORIOUS THE ONCE GREAT TEMPLE
APES IN RUIN.

END SILENCE - ARMED TAKING. THEY WERE
LEARNING THE VERY BEGINNINGS OF THE
SHAO LIN WAY OF LIFE AND MASTERY OF
THE ORDER
OF FORT

THE ATTACKERS KILLED THIS
TEACHER HAS AN EASY PUNISH
THEIR MOTIVE WAS REVENGE
AND REVENGE CAN RESULT IN
THE MOST VIOLENT OF ACTIONS



AND WHAT OF YOUR DECISION?
YOU JOINED THE WHITE LOTUS
RECKLESSLY WHEN THE WHAP IN
NEEDED YOU MOST. I HAD TO
RETURN-- I HAD TO
COMPETE IN TOUNO'S
TOURNAMENT--

AND I FOKE
WHAT YOUR VICTORY
HAD DONE. I DESTROYED
THAT WHICH YOU
TREASURED MOST.

A PRIDE
ALL SHADING
MUST BE
PREPARED
TO PAY

WE
KNOW PHUM
OUR BATTING
DAYS WE
MEMORE THE
WORLD OUTSIDE
OUR TEMPLE
GATES

WE DO
ALL THIS TO
RISK OUR
LIVES IN
BATTLE
TO SAVE
A WORLD
WHICH CAN
BE DIVIDED
HISTORY AS
MUTH...

LIU-- IT
IS QUITE
OBVIOUS
WHAT
AI HAD
IN MIND
AT HAVING
THIS
TEMPLE

YOUR
BATTLE WITH
ME, YOU WOULD
DEMONS IS FAR
FROM OVER.

WHEN
I REQUESTED
YOU CAN COUNT
ON KUNG LAD TO
FIGHT AT YOUR
SIDE.

FROM THE SKY COULD BE AN ODD
SIGHT OF A HOVER-JET-- OUT
OF PLACE IN THESE ANCIENT
JUNGLEWOODS AND MY
WELCOME

WE ARE
VISITORS

THIS
TEMPLE HAS
OCCUPIED A
SACRED
AND HIDDEN
LOCATION FOR
A THOUSAND
YEARS.

APPARENTLY
NO LONGER
THAT AIRCRAFT
BELONGS TO
THE LIN KUEI.







HELLO
JOHNNY
CASH

IS SO GOOD
TO SEE YOU
AGAIN

NO
OFFENSE
PAL
BUT
WHO
THE
HELL
ARE
YOU?
DON'T
YOU
RECOGNIZE
ME?

I'M GONNA
KILL YOU



CASE!
WE GOT A
MESSAGE
FROM
SONYA!

SHE'S TRAPPED
IN THE OUTWORLD.
SAID SOME FREAKS
ARE SUPPOSED TO
COME LOOKING

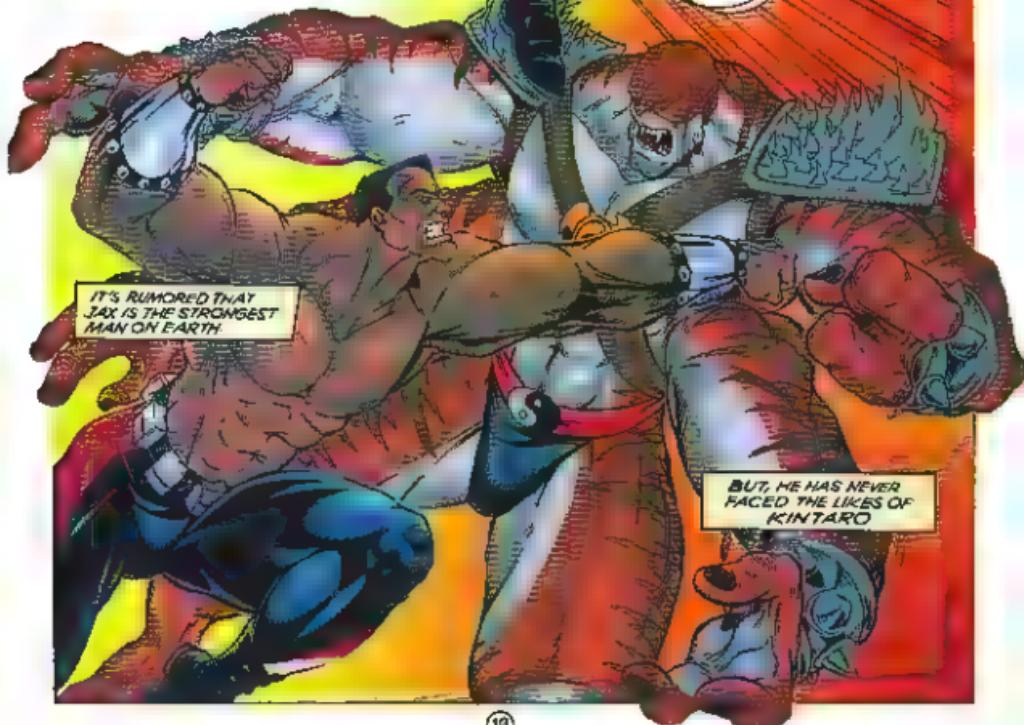
FOR
YOU.

FREAKS?
CERTAINLY
SONYA BLADE
HAS DEVELOPED
ENOUGH RESPECT
FOR ME TO
WITHHOLD
INSULTS

AND
THANKS
FOR ALERTING
ME OF HER
LOCATION

WATCH
IT JAX.
THIS S...









ANY
OF SHANG
TSUNG IS A
FRIEND OF
OURS

NOW
VILLAINS, YOU
HAVE THREE
WARRIOR TO FACE
I WOULD SAY THE
ODDS HAVE
EVENED OUT
A LITTLE

WHAT'S
THE MATTER,
FREAKS?
YOU LOOK SCARED.

I CAN
ASSURE YOU
WARRIOR,
FEAR IS NOT
A CONCERN
OF OURS

AND, NOW
THAT THE GRAND
CHAMPION LIL KANG
HAS ARRIVED WE HAVE
A PROPOSITION FOR
THE WARRIOR OF
YOUR REALM

AS SHANG TSUNG SPEAKS, HE FAILS TO NOTICE SUB-ZERO, WHO DELIVERS A SNEAK ATTACK WITH STARTLING PERFECTION

BUT, AS SUB-ZERO WAS WARNED EARLIER...

WITH SHANG TSUNG, THINGS ARE NOT ALWAYS AS THEY SEEM.

OOOF!

WHAT? I SEEM TO HAVE HIT AN INVISIBLE WALL!

AH I SEE THE LIN KUEI HAVE SENT SUB-ZERO ONCE AGAIN. YOUR MISSION, NO DOUBT, IS MY ASSASSINATION.

BUT HE HAS FAILED AGAIN IN MY MASTERY. NOW HE WILL PAY WITH HIS LIFE AT THE HANDS OF REPTILE



KRA-KOOM

EMOUBAN SHANG TELING,
YOU ARE HERE AGAINST THE WISDOM
OF THE ELDER GODS.
THIS BATTLE HAS
TAKEN PLACE OUTSIDE OF TOURNAMENT
BATTLE - IN ACT THE
ELDER GODS WILL
NOT TAKE
LIGHTLY.

I DO
NOT KNOW WHERE
YOU OBTAINED POWER
TO OPEN THE DIMENSIONAL
GATES. CAME FROM, BUT I
ASSUME YOUR FOUL
EMPEROR SHAO KAHN
HAD A HAND
IN IT.

THIS
BATTLE WILL
CONTINUE NO
LONGER. YOU ARE
NOT WELCOMED IN
THIS REALM. STATE
YOURS BUSINESS
SHANG TELING AND
LEAVE - OR FACE
THE WRATH OF
THE THUNDER
GOD.

MY BUSINESS,
RAIDEN, IS TO EXERCISE
MY RIGHT OF CHALLENGE,
AND I CHALLENGE THESE
MORTALS TO COMPETE IN
A NEW CONTEST HOSTED
BY THE MIGHTY SHAO
KAHN HIMSELF.

WE HAVE THIS GREAT
RAIDEN, FOR WE AS MORTALS FROM
THE OUTWORLD POSSESS THE ABILITY
TO TRAVEL THROUGH THE DIMENSIONAL
GATES -- THUS WE ALSO POSSESS THE
RIGHT TO CHALLENGE ANY REALM
WE HAVE ALLIED TO.



AND
I WILL ALSO
COMPETE.

IF WE'RE
GONNA PUT AN
END TO THIS
OUTWORLD,
NOW IS THE
TIME
AND
NO BETTER
PLACE TO DO
IT THAN IN THEIR
OWN BACK-
YARD.

HERE
WE GO
ADAM!

THEN
PREPARE YOURSELF,
MORTALS!

...FOR
KOMBAT
IN THE
OUTWORLD!

TO BE CONTINUED
ON A GRAND SCREEN
NEAR YOU!



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"BY THE UNHOLY DARKNESS THAT CONSUMES ME
I WILL HAVE THE EARTH REALM!"

SHAO KAHN